

Application Serial No. 10/714,221
Reply to Office Action of October 7, 2004

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application before this amendment. By the present amendment, Claims 1-8 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 9 has been amended, and Claims 10-16 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Initially as to Claim 9, Claim 9 has been indicated as being allowable if the claim is written in independent form to include all limitations of the base Claim 1. There is no intervening claim. Accordingly, Claim 9 has been amended to incorporate all limitations of Claim 1 and is now considered to be allowed.

Furthermore, the limitations of the original Claims 2-8 have been presented as new Claims 10-16, and these claims are also considered to be allowed at least since they depend from Claim 9, now allowed. An indication thereof is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 have been cancelled without prejudice.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 9-16, now pending in this application, are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance in the next action.

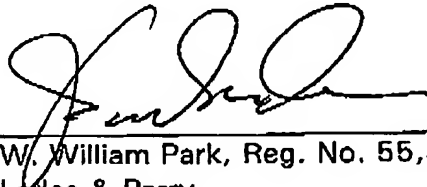
This amendment is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the Office Action. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns,

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the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to
expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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